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Applicant: Thomas P. Hager et al.
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REINFORCEMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS CABLE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 29, 2005

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, Applicants submit this response to the issues raised therein.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely submitted to the U.S. Patent Office with a petition for three months extension of time, as provided herein.